

Amendments to the Claims:

A full listing of the claims is as follows:

- 1-9. (Canceled)
10. (New) A high strength polyethylene multifilament, wherein said multifilament has a stress Raman shift factor of not smaller than $-5.0 \text{ cm}^{-1}/(\text{cN/dTex})$.
11. (New) A high strength polyethylene multifilament, wherein said multifilament has a ratio of the crystal sizes derived from the (200) and (020) diffractions of an orthorhombic crystal of from 0.8 inclusive to 1.2 inclusive.
12. (New) A high strength polyethylene multifilament, wherein said multifilament has a crystal size of monoclinic crystal of not larger than 9 nm.
13. (New) The high strength polyethylene multifilament according to claim 10, wherein said multifilament has an average strength of not lower than 20 cN/dTex.
14. (New) The high strength polyethylene multifilament according to claim 10, wherein a knot strength retention of monofilaments constituting the high strength multifilament is not lower than 40%.
15. (New) The high strength polyethylene multifilament according to claim 10, wherein CV which indicates a variation in the strengths of monofilaments constituting the high strength multifilament is not higher than 25%.
16. (New) The high strength polyethylene multifilament according to claim 10, wherein said multifilament has an elongation at break of from 2.5% inclusive to 6.0% inclusive.
17. (New) The high strength polyethylene multifilament according to claim 10, wherein each of filaments constituting the multifilament has a fineness of not higher than 10 dTex.

18. (New) The high strength polyethylene multifilament according to claim 10, wherein the melting point of filaments is not lower than 145°C.